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City of Milwaukee to Mark January 30 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Mayor Barrett, city leaders and advocates to raise awareness and support victims

MILWAUKEE – As 2014 Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month comes to an end nationwide, the City of Milwaukee will mark Human Trafficking Awareness Day with a gathering of local leaders, advocates, and survivors.

"Trafficking is a billion dollar business worldwide that typically targets vulnerable, often abused children and adults, and it is happening here in Milwaukee," said Dana World-Patterson, Chair of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee. "An informed community will improve support systems for victims and help to hold traffickers accountable."

Hosted by the Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee and the City of Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the evening will include a community call to action and a message from U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore.

WHAT: Milwaukee Human Trafficking Awareness Day

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 30, 2013

5-7 p.m.

Program begins 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: City Hall Rotunda

200 E. Wells St.

SPEAKERS: Mayor Tom Barrett

U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore

County Executive Chris Abele

Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.

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